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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Application of:

Barry et al.

Serial No. 10/622,201

Patent No.: 5,633,435

Issued: May 27, 1997

For: GLYPHOSATE-TOLERANT 5-
ENOLPYRUVYLSHIKIMATE-3-
PHOSPHATE SYNTHASES

Atty. Dkt. No.: 11899.0175.REUS07

**PETITION TO ACKNOWLEDGE ORIGINALLY
SUBMITTED SPECIFICATION AND CLAIMS AND
TO GRANT FILING DATE OF JULY 18, 2003**

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37 C.F.R. 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Petition, Office of Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 7, 2004.

Matthew J. Knight
Signature

Applicants file this Petition in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reissue Application Filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), mailed May 10, 2005 (copy enclosed).

Applicants request expedited consideration and decision of this Petition in view of the early filing of this reissue application. The processing of this reissue application has been delayed in the Office of Initial Patent Examination for 10 months. In view of the special status of reissue applications (*see* MPEP § 1442), this Petition should be addressed without further delay.

The Notice of Incomplete Reissue Application states that the specification is missing and that the specification does not include at least one claim. In response, applicants contend that the

As stated in the enclosed Petition, a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,633,435, including the specification and claims, was filed with the original application papers on July 18, 2003. Accordingly, the Petition requests that this reissue application be granted a filing date of July 18, 2003.

Should any fees be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11899.0175.REUS07.

Respectfully submitted,



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specification and claims were submitted on July 18, 2003, along with a Reissue Patent Application Transmittal, Reissue Application Fee Transmittal Form, Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee, Offer to Surrender Patent, Preliminary Amendment, Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and a postcard. The specification and claims were submitted in the form of a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,633,435. An additional copy of that patent, which contains the specification and claims, is enclosed.

As evidence of the July 18, 2003, submission of the specification and claims, applicants enclose three exhibits:

- (1) A copy of the Reissue Patent Application Transmittal (Exhibit A), submitted July 18, 2003. This Transmittal clearly states that the application elements include a specification and claims. (*See* checkmark in box 2.)
- (2) A copy of applicants' postcard, dated July 18, 2003, which was stamped and returned by the USPTO (Exhibit B). This postcard clearly states that a specification and claims were included in the submission of July 18, 2003.
- (3) A copy of the Express Mail label EV318622128US (Exhibit C), dated July 18, 2003. This is the Express Mail label on the package containing the submission designated U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/622,201. The Express Mail Label number EV318622128US was also printed on the Reissue Patent Application Transmittal. The weight of that Express Mail package is listed as 1 pound, 15 ounces. The weight of U.S. Patent No. 5,633,435 is approximately 1 pound, 9 ounces. The weight of the remaining papers submitted on July 18, 2003 (Reissue Patent Application Transmittal, Reissue Application Fee Transmittal Form, Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee, Offer to Surrender Patent, Preliminary

Amendment, Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120, and a postcard) is approximately 4 ounces. In other words, the Express Mail package EV318622128US sent on July 18, 2003, must have contained a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,633,435 in order to reach its weight of nearly two pounds.

Since the specification and claims were filed on July 18, 2003, this application is entitled to a filing date of July 18, 2003.

As requested in the Notice of Incomplete Reissue Application, a copy of a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) and Consent of Assignee for Reissue Application is filed with this petition. Another Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee is also enclosed.

The petition fee of \$130.00 may be charged to deposit account number 01-2508/11899.0175.REUS07. However, since this application is entitled to its July 18, 2003, filing date, applicants respectfully request that the fee not be charged or that any charged fee be refunded.

Respectfully submitted,



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REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Address to: Mail Stop Reissue Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	11899.0175.REUS07
	First Named Inventor	Gerard F. Barry
	Original Patent Number	5,633,435
	Original Patent Issue Date (Month/Day/Year)	May 27, 1997
	Express Mail Label No.	EV 318622128 US

APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:
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Utility Patent



Design Patent



Plant Patent

APPLICATION ELEMENTS


1. ☒ * Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56)
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Specification and Claims (amended, if appropriate)
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (proposed amendments, if appropriate)
4. ☒ Reissue Oath / Declaration (original or copy)
(37 C.F.R. § 1.175)(PTO/SB/51 or 52)
5. Original U.S. Patent
☒ Offer to Surrender Original Patent (37 C.F.R. § 1.178)
(PTO/SB/53 OR PTO/SB/54)
or
☐ Ribboned Original Patent Grant
☐ Affidavit / Declaration of Loss (PTO/SB/55)
6. Original U.S. Patent currently assigned?
☒ Yes ☐ No


ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. ☐ Foreign Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119)
(if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☐ English Translation of Reissue Oath/Declaration
(if applicable)
10. ☐ * Small Entity Statement(s) ☐ Statement filed in prior application,
(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
11. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
12. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
13. ☒ Other: Claim for Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120

NOTE FOR ITEMS 1 & 10: IN ORDER TO BE ENTITLED TO PAY SMALL ENTITY FEES, A SMALL ENTITY STATEMENT IS REQUIRED (37 C.F.R. § 1.17) EXCEPT IF ONE FILED IN A PRIOR APPLICATION IS RELIED UPON (37 C.F.R. § 1.20).

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IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Serial No.:	Not Yet Assigned	Filing Date:	Responsible Atty: Janelle Waack
Title:	Glyphosate-Tolerant 5-Enolpyruvylshikimate-3-Phosphate Synthases		
Applicant:	Barry et al.		
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Signature

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reissue Application Filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), mailed May 10, 2004 (copy enclosed), applicants submit a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,633,435, which contains the specification and claims that are the basis of U.S. Reissue Application Serial No. 10/622,201. Also enclosed are a Petition to Acknowledge Originally Submitted Specification and Claims and to Grant Filing Date of July 18, 2003, a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) and Consent of Assignee for Reissue Application, and another Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee.

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REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE ASSIGNEE

Docket Number (Optional)

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I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I am authorized to act on behalf of the following company: Monsanto Technology LLCand the title of my position with said company is: Intellectual Property Counsel

The entire title to the patent identified below is vested in said company.

Name of Patentee(s):

Gerard F. Barry, Ganesh M. Kishore, Stephen R. Padgett and William C. Stallings

Patent Number

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May 27, 1997

Title of Invention

Glyphosate-Tolerant 5-Enolpyruvylshikimate-3-Phosphate Synthases

I believe said patentee(s) to be the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled _____

Glyphosate-Tolerant 5-Enolpyruvylshikimate-3-Phosphate Synthases
the specification of which☒ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on July 18, 2003 as reissue application number 10/622,201
and was amended on _____
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below.

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.☐ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.☒ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

U.S. Patent No. 5,633,435 should have included separate claims for subject matter involving SEQ ID NOs 2, 4 and 6, which have a different effective filing date than the claims for subject matter involving SEQ ID NOs 41 and 43.

All errors corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing of this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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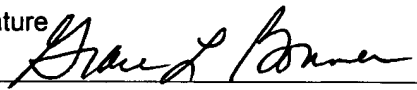
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) AND
CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE FOR REISSUE APPLICATION**

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I certify that Monsanto Technology LLC is the assignee of the entire interest in the reissue application Serial No. 10/622,201, based on U.S. Patent No. 5,633,435. The assignment from the inventors to Monsanto Company was recorded September 13, 1994, at reel 7238, frame 0908. The assignment from Monsanto Company to Monsanto Technology LLC was recorded December 12, 2001, at reel 12350, frame 0232.

Monsanto Technology LLC consents to this reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 5,633,435.

I am authorized to act on behalf of assignee Monsanto Technology LLC.

Date:

June 3, 2004

Grace L. Bonner

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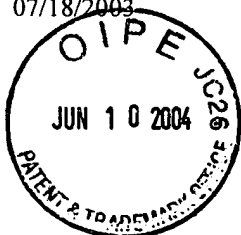


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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REISSUE APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below **and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must** be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

- The specification is missing.
- The specification does not include at least one claim.
A complete specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this reissue application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- Consent of assignee is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that a reissue oath/declaration be accompanied by the written consent of all assignees.
- Assignee's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) establishing ownership of the patent is missing. 37 CFR 1.172 requires that all assignees consenting to the reissue application establish their ownership interest in the patent by filing in the reissue application a statement in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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